

Request for Information (RFI)
Wideband Analysis of Alternatives (AoA)
RFI – Question(s) and Answer(s)
Amendment 0001
April 25, 2017

Question:

Question 1: Is there overlap between the DISA RFI and the pending SMC RFI which seem to address a similar question?

Answer 1: Cannot comment nor answer questions concerning a pending RFI the Air Force may issue.

Question 2: Is the DISA RFI a component of a future RFP addressing wideband architecture?

Answer 2: This RFI is not a RFP and is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government to issue a solicitation or ultimately award a contract. Responses will not be considered as proposals nor will any award be made as a result of this synopsis.

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Question 3: I'm reaching out in reference to the requirement for DISA's requirement for contemporary and future offerings of equipment, software, and services for enabling and managing wideband communications under the solicitation number Wideband-AoA. Would you kindly confirm if this is an entirely new effort or is there an incumbent currently providing the services? If so, can you please provide the incumbent contract details?"

Answer 3: See Sources Sought, Paragraph 1, Background, "The Department of Defense (DoD) uses a mix of purpose-built and commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) solutions for addressing its wideband communication needs. The DoD's primary purpose-built wideband solution, the Wideband Global Satellite Communication (SATCOM) (WGS) system, will achieve full deployment within the next few years, and the earliest WGS satellites will require replenishment within a decade thereafter. Anticipating both of these events, and recognizing the evolving needs of the Department, Congress has requested the Department conduct an Analysis of Alternatives to succeed WGS, including space, air, and ground layer communications capabilities. These alternatives include related ground infrastructures, and may include a mix of COTS equipment/software, commercial services, purpose-built equipment/software, and custom-defined services. This RFI seeks information about such ground infrastructures."

Additionally, alternatives to be considered may also include new concepts having potential to revolutionize the DoD's wideband communications enterprise. This RFI seeks information about such concepts as well."